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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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SUBJECT: Luncheon Meeting with [REDACTED]

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25X1A9a 1. [REDACTED] was introduced to me by [REDACTED] I invited [REDACTED] of ONE to go to lunch with us. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] He has been associated with PSI and PSDI leaders since his days in the University and claims to know them personally quite well. In general, his views are those of his party. He feels that merger is definitely in the cards and probably will take place in the early part of 1957. With respect to Nenni's motivation, he feels that the decisive point occurred at the time of the elections in May. Nenni had confidently expected a sharp decline in the PSDI vote. When the opposite turned out to be the case, and when it became apparent that the vote could only be interpreted as a mandate to merge the two parties, Nenni saw the handwriting on the wall and decided to work toward an eventual merger.

2. Although [REDACTED] said relatively little that we did not already know, the conversation was of interest as a reflection of the attitude and state of mind of middle and upper level Italian Democratic Socialists.

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Chief, SRS/DDI

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